	(Rs. crore)
Direct Taxes	9256.50
Indirect Taxes	11969.39

(c) Direct taxes are levied on income/wealth. Hence, it is not possible to name the items through which additional revenue has been generated.

As regards indirect taxes, the names of major items through which this additional amount has been generated are given below:

Excise	(Rs. in crore) (April-October 2002)*
Petroleum Products	4256
Iron and Steel	724
Motor Vehicles	577
Electrical and Non-Electrical Machinery	262
Chemical, Plastics, Paints, etc.	253
Customs	
Petroleum Products	1102
Machinery	938
Chemicals	210
*(provisional)	210

Item-wise details of additional revenue for the months of November and December, 2002 are not yet available.

Price index of industrial labours

†21. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a big gap between wholesale price index and the price index of industrial labours during the first nine months of financial year 2002-03;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, what has been the minimum and maximum rate of Price index and price index of industrial labours during the above said period;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the prices of primary commodities like kerosene, flour and vegetables have increased more than the price index of industrial labours; and

(d) if so, what has been the rate of increase in prices of these commodities from March to December, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers—CPI (IW) differ conceptually in terms of purpose and use, commodity coverage, weighting diagram, associated markets and the base year. Therefore some degree of difference in the two series is unavoidable.

Inflation rate based on the WPI ranged between 1.4 to 4.0% during April-December 2002, while the inflation rate based on the CPI-(IW) remained beween 3.2—4.7% during this period. In fact Inflation rate based on the two indices converged in December, 2002 to stand at 3.2%.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. In fact price rise in kerosene, flour and vegetables remained lower for CPI(IW) as compared to WPI for much of the year. Inflation rate based on the WPI and CPI(IW) for these commodities during March-December 2002 is listed below.

Inflation rate based on WPI and CPI (IW) (%)

(March-December 2002)

	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Flour										
WPI	3.4	2.9	5.8	8.3	8.2	8.1	7.0	5.8	4.9	5.1
CPI(IW)	-38.2	00	-0.9	-0.9	0.3	0.6	1.4	2.3	1.1	-

	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Vegetables										
Onions										
WPI	-10.3	-2.3	-2.3	24.1	40.6	16.2	19.0	17.8	-2.6	-20.1
CPI(IW)	3.4	-14.8	-8.6	-1.0	4.8	-5.2	-3.6	0.5	-14.5	-
Potatoes										
WPI	78.8	27.2	-4.3	0.6	6.7	17.9	27.7	21.9	6.6	-23.1
CPI(IW)	6.3	14.7	-3.3	-6.8	-5.1	6.4	13.3	5.5	-3.1	-
Kerosene										
WPI	17.4	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5	18.8	16.6
CPI(IW)	18.2	16.0	16.5	19.4	17.2	18.4	19.8	21.0	21.3	-

Differential rate on interest

22. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR. AKHILESH DAS:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified three segments for the differential rates of interest;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to ensure that falling interest rate is not going to hit pensioners and senior citizens; and

(d) if so, broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANADNRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (d) As per present regulations, banks are prohibited to discriminate in the matter of rates of interest paid on deposits except in respect of single term deposits exceeding Rs. 15 lakh. Based on the requests received from several senior citizens and their organizations, banks were permitted in April, 2001 to formulate fixed deposit scheme specifically meant for senior citizens offering higher and fixed rates of